

A Journey Through Subway Art

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Introduction

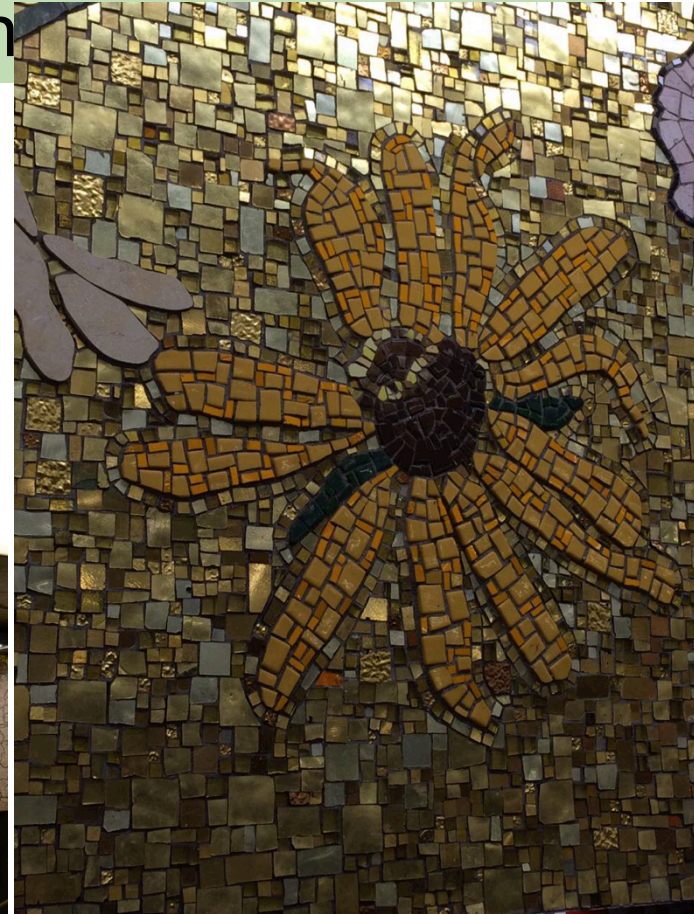
Arts & Design, formerly Arts for Transit and Urban Design, was created in 1985 when the subway system was working on making repairs and improvements in the subway stations. The MTA created rules about how this should happen. Many artists have contributed to this process. Different materials that are durable are used to make art pieces in the subway stations. Art has become part of the NYC subway and is enjoyed by many people every day. This includes: murals, sculptures, posters, music, poetry among other things.



6 Train-77 street station-Downtown

The name of this piece of art is 4 Seasons Seasoned. This is a mural on the 77th street subway.

This art is created by Robert Kushner and it was installed in 2004.





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The next two pieces of art are called Fast Track and Speed. The location of this art which was created by Dan Sinclair is on the Grand Central Subway. This artwork was installed in 1990



Grand Central Station - Fast Track and Speed



Times Square Station - New York in Transit



This mural in Times Square is called New York In Transit and it was installed in 2001. It was created by a painter named Jacob Lawrence. His dramatic Time Square mosaic pays tribute to the diversity and strength of New York City, its neighborhoods, cultural life, recreational pleasures, love of sports and, of course its Subway system and is Lawrence's last public work.

Times Square Mural



Times Square Mural was created by Roy Lichtenstein and it was installed in 1994. It is a 6 foot high, 53 foot long panel that revisits the history of NYC transportation.

Times Square Times: 35 times



This artwork is called Times Square Times 35 times. This art was created by Toby Buonagurio. It was installed in 2005.





Train Art

Poetry in Motion

Poetry in motion is a program that started in 1995. I found this poem on the number 6 train. It is called “Awaking in New York”. The poem was written by Maya Angelou. The people who started this program wanted to enhance riding on the subway.

Awaking in New York

Maya Angelou (1928-2014)

Curtains forcing their will
against the wind,
children sleep,
exchanging dreams with
seraphim. The city
drags itself awake on
subway straps; and
I, an alarm, awake as a
rumor of war,
lie stretching into dawn,
unmasked and unheeded.

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William Low, *A Day in Parkchester*, 2011



6 Train-77 street station- Uptown



My Journey

My journey to find and photograph subway art began at the 77st downtown station in my neighborhood on the number 6 train. It ended at the uptown number 6 train station. I enjoyed traveling with my mom and my brother looking for subway art. I never knew there were so many pieces of art all over subway stations. When people travel by train they may not notice them at first but they are everywhere. Subway stations and trains are like a museum. My favorite part was taking pictures of the inside of the shuttle train from Grand Central to Times Square. Now when I travel by subway I will always look for art around me.

